

Patent claims

1. A method for adaptation of an intelligent unit to an application and/or an installation location, comprising the following steps:  
association of a configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) with the defined application and/or a defined location (2), and storage of application-based and/or location-based configuration data and/or behavior description data in the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) in such a way that data can be transmitted from the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) to a logic device for processing of data for configuration of the intelligent unit.
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, furthermore comprising the following steps:  
provision of the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) with the associated logic device for processing of data for configuration of the intelligent unit,  
coupling of the intelligent unit to a system which comprises the defined application and/or the defined location (2),  
connection of the intelligent unit to the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25), and  
transmission of the data from the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) to the logic device.
3. The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, furthermore comprising data from the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) being transmitted to the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) and being stored there.
4. The method as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, furthermore comprising data matching being carried out between the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) and the configuration

device (21, 22, 24, 25).

5 5. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, furthermore comprising the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) being included within a network.

6. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, furthermore comprising the storage and/or the transmit of the application-based and/or location-based configuration data  
10 and/or behavior description data being carried out as a single step, or as a repeatable step.

7. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, furthermore comprising the storage and/or the transmit of the application-based and/or type-based configuration data and/or  
15 behavior description data securely.

8. An apparatus for carrying out the method as claimed in one of claims 1 to 7.

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9. The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, comprising an intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) with an associated logic device for processing of data for configuration of the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) and  
25 a configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25), which is associated with a defined application and/or a defined location (2), for storage of application-based and/or location-based configuration data and/or behavior description data, wherein the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) and the  
30 configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) can be connected to one another in such a way that data can be transmitted at least from the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) to the logic device.

10. The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, comprising  
a configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25), which can be  
associated with a defined application and/or a defined  
location (2), for storage of application-based and/or  
5 location-based configuration data and/or behavior description  
data,  
wherein the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) can be  
connected to a logic device for processing of data for  
configuration of an intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15), in  
10 such a way that data can be transmitted at least from the  
configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) to the logic device.

11. The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, comprising  
an intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) with an associated  
15 logic device for processing of data for configuration of the  
intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15),  
wherein the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) can be  
connected to a configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25), which  
is associated with a defined application and/or a defined  
20 location (2), for storage of application-based and/or  
location-based configuration data and/or behavior description  
data, in such a way that data can be transmitted at least  
from the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) to the logic  
device.

25 12. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 11,  
furthermore comprising  
the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) being included  
within a network.

30 13. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 12,  
furthermore comprising  
the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) having a system  
component.

14. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 13,  
furthermore comprising  
the application-based and/or location-based data comprising  
an address, a component identification, configuration data  
and/or data for configuration.

15. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 14,  
furthermore comprising  
the logic device which is associated with the intelligent  
unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) being designed for data  
transmission to the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25).

16. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 15,  
furthermore comprising  
the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) being designed to  
receive and store data from the logic device which is  
associated with the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15).

17. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 16,  
furthermore comprising  
the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) being permanently  
or detachably connected to the coupling location of the  
intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15).

18. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 17,  
furthermore comprising  
the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) being part of  
permanent wiring, to which the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13,  
14, 15) can be coupled.

19. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 18,  
furthermore comprising  
the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) being associated  
with a connecting device, which is arranged at the coupling

location (2) of the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15),  
for connection of the intelligent unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15).

20. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 19,  
5 furthermore comprising  
the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) being designed for  
storage, reading and/or processing of further data.

21. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 20,  
10 furthermore comprising  
the data of the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) being  
variable, readable and/or processable by remote control  
and/or externally.

22. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 21,  
15 furthermore comprising  
the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) and the intelligent  
unit (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) having complementary means for  
provision of a unidirectional and/or bidirectional data  
20 transmission connection, in particular using screw-in and/or  
plug-in connectors, a contact-based, optical and/or a radio  
connection.

23. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 22,  
25 furthermore comprising  
the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) being designed as  
equipment for an automation system.

24. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 23,  
30 furthermore comprising  
the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) and/or the logic  
device having hardware and/or software elements.

25. The apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 24,  
35 furthermore comprising

the logic device which is associated with the configuration device (21, 22, 24, 25) being part of the configuration device or part of a further device which can be connected to the configuration device, in particular a central control device.

26. Use of an apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 25 for carrying out a method as claimed in one of claims 1 to 7.
27. A system having at least one apparatus as claimed in one of claims 8 to 25.

28. The system as claimed in claim 27 for operation of an automation system.